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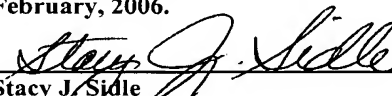
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application without prejudice as directed on the following pages.